

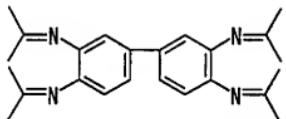
REMARKS

Claims 1 is pending in the present application.

Election/Restriction

The Examiner has required an election in the present application of a single compound in claim 1 and to explain how the structure is derived for that elected species from the groups of Z, R^a, R^b, R^c, and R^d.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, the compound of Example 1, 3,3'-diaminobenzidinetetraisopropenoimine [N,N',N'',N'''-tetraisopropylidene-3,4,3',4'-biphenyltetramine], represented by the following Formula:



wherein Ring Z represents a polycyclic aromatic ring; R^a, R^b, R^c, and R^d are each a substituent bound to Ring Z, wherein R^a, R^b, R^c, and R^d are the same and each represent an amino group protected by an alkylidene group.

The requirement for restriction as it is set forth by the Examiner is respectfully traversed on the ground that additional compounds could efficiently be examined in this application along with the elected compound without undue burden on the Examiner or the USPTO.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully remind the Examiner that should the Examiner not find prior art which renders the elected compound unpatentable, the Examiner is required to expand the search to include a reasonable number of additional species. (See MPEP 803.02).

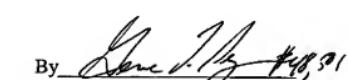
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad M. Rink, Registration No 58,258 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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